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Robbery sparks safety changes, fliers

Controversial fliers from white separatist group posted on Xavier campus

BY DOUG TIFFT

Editor-in-Chief

Xavier administrators, campus police and student leaders have mobilized in the wake of provocative fliers posted on campus by The National Alliance, a white separatist group advocating for “a white government that is not going to pander to all these other groups,” according to a National Alliance spokesman.

Following a robbery of three students at gunpoint at 10:40 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, on Dana Avenue near Clarion Avenue, Robert Ransdell, The National Alliance’s Northern Kentucky unit coordinator, was approached by an anonymous member of The National Alliance about posting fliers around campus.

The fliers, titled “JUST IN CASE THEY DIDN’T BRING THIS UP IN YOUR ORIENTATION,” alleged that an “urban hell (sic) surrounds campus” and urged students to “stop fearing the smears.”

Ransdell reviewed the document and approved it for distribution on Wednesday morning.

“Some of the stuff was kind of inflammatory in there,” Ransdell said. “But honestly I don’t know—and [the person that wrote the flier] made a good point. Should we really be sensitive to what we call people who are going to go up and put a gun to the head of people just for a few bucks? I’d have to say I’d call them savages.”

Xavier Police removed the fliers immediately on Wednesday morning, citing non-Xavier appropriate language.

The posting of the fliers comes in the wake of Xavier’s dealings with racially insensitive issues in recent years.

In 2008, two University of Cincinnati students wore black-



Newswire photo by Alexa von Barga

Three students were robbed at gunpoint on Monday, Aug. 23, while returning from the United Dairy Farmers location at the corner of Dana Avenue and Montgomery Road.

face to an off-campus Halloween party. Nearly 15 months later, at an event for African-American sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha on Jan. 26, a sheet with what sorority members described as racist and sexist comments written on it was found in the control booth of the Gallagher Student Center theatre.

University officials issued condemnations for both events, and expressed displeasure with the flier distribution on Wednesday.

“In this so-called ‘post racial era’ when racism may be concealed in color-coded appeals to patriotism, states’ rights, and equal opportunity, blatant expressions of bigotry may strike many as regrettable exceptions to an otherwise egalitarian norm,” Vice Provost for Diversity Cheryl Nuñez wrote in an e-mail.

A number of student leaders also condemned the fliers.

“First and foremost the [flier] was an attack on all marginalized groups on campus,” Arzell West-Estell, president of the Black

Student Association, wrote in an e-mail. “The objective of the attack was to divide, to make groups feel separate from each other and the community. We are all different and that is what makes us who we are.”

The National Alliance, an organization founded in 1968 from a group of supporters for the candidacy of then-Alabama Governor George Wallace for the presidency, had not had any contact with Xavier since its members attended a speech on campus in 2005. However, the group has distributed a number of fliers at the University of Cincinnati in the past two years.

Ransdell said The National Alliance chose this robbery to make a statement after seeing an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer on Tuesday, Aug. 24, in which one of the robbery victims was quoted saying, “we were trying to be nice.”

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Pair of robberies cause police, community response

BY SARAH WIETEN

Managing Editor

A pair of crimes—one on-campus, one off-campus,—has set off a string of safety adjustments and police reforms in the past nine days.

Last Monday, Aug. 23, at approximately 10:40 p.m., three students walking back from the United Dairy Farmers store at the corner of Dana Avenue and Montgomery Road were robbed at gunpoint of a cell phone, credit cards, cash, wallet and purse.

The students said the suspects—three male teenagers, roughly 5-foot-9, two in white shirts, one in red—asked for cigarettes.

After the robbery, the suspects fled across Dana Avenue toward Clarion Avenue.

The students were not badly injured.

The Cincinnati Police Department is leading the investigation because the crime took place within its jurisdiction.

The CPD has assigned a detective to the case, who is examining the crime to determine if it is part of a pattern of crime in the community.

Six days later on Sunday morning at about 1 a.m. near Regent Avenue, a student was assaulted by two teenagers in an attempt to steal his gym shoes. The student sustained minor injuries. Norwood Police are currently investigating the crime.

Xavier Police did not utilize the XU Alert-Me system in either case because the threat was not ongoing to the campus and, as sign-ups to the system are down in the sophomore and freshman classes, and Xavier Police did not believe it was the most effective way to get the word out.

Instead the police department posted red paper bulletins on campus and placed an announcement on the portal as well as the safety website.

“[The suspects in the first crime] fled off into the neigh-

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LSD incident on campus

Student leaves XU under threat of suspension

BY JAKE HEATH

News Editor

Xavier Police and the Cincinnati Fire Department were called to Husman Hall around 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, to respond to a student who suffered a head injury while under the influence of LSD.

The student was taken by ambulance to a local hospital and treated for the injury.

According to an e-mail from

the student, he or she took a “singular hit of LSD, had a bad trip, went to [his or her] room, hit [his or her] head” and become unresponsive.

Xavier police and the Division of Student Life and Leadership declined to comment on the particular incident Friday night, but Michael Couch, Chief of Police for Xavier University said incidents involving high-level drugs are infrequent.

“We do find a small amount of marijuana every now and then, but we have had very few cases with narcotics in the last two to three years,” Couch said.

The student had formally withdrawn from the University as of August 30.

“Instead of going in front of the board and most likely getting suspended for a year...I withdrew this morning,” the student said in an e-mail.

Muskie women win two



photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Junior Jessica Brooks and the Xavier women’s soccer team won a pair of games this week to move above .500 for the first time since 2007.

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“This is an example of how not being prejudiced or worrying about being prejudiced has resulted in somebody being robbed,” Ransdell said. “I think that blacks have become accustomed to the realities of whites these days, and that is that whites are willing to submit—not willing to fight back. They are easy targets... because they have (sic) been indoctrinated from the cradle with this white guilt stuff.”

University administrators, in-

cluding University President Fr. Michael Graham, S.J., held multiple meetings in the days following the posting of the fliers, including a meeting on Sunday afternoon with MOSAIC, a group directed by the Student Government Association that includes 13 multicultural clubs.

“To be responsive we need to be proactive,” SGA President Kevin Contrera said after the meeting. “If a culture change is going to happen it needs to be led by the students.”

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borhood behind Clarion Avenue away from campus, into the surrounding community, making this not an ongoing threat,” Michael Couch, chief of police for Xavier Police, said.

Couch said the CPD has provided extra patrols of the area for the last week, with the mea-

sures being augmented by Xavier Police.

“I personally sat at the corner of Dana and Montgomery from 7 p.m. until almost 3 in the morning this weekend to look at the partying traffic patterns and make sure that everything was going as it should,” Couch said.

Xavier Police make summer adjustments

BY SARAH WIETEN

Managing Editor

Over the summer, Xavier Police made several changes to their department in hopes of better serving the Xavier University community.

The department released updated paper media regarding campus safety, sexual assault prevention and safety tips. All of these fliers are available in Flynn Hall.

Xavier Police also unveiled a new safety website (www.xavier.edu/safety), which in addition to offering resources about safety on campus also serves as a place to post bulletins regarding on-campus emergencies, like last week’s robbery on Dana Avenue.

Also in place is a new hotline for non-emergency concerns. Students are now asked to call 745-2000 with questions about parking or other matters of a non-serious nature.

This change was implemented in order to reduce traffic to the traditional 745-1000 emergency hotline. Students are still to call 745-1000 in the event of an emergency.

The department made several changes regarding officer’s transportation.

They traded three old squad cars for four new ones with a new insignia.

“[The new design] really places emphasis on the 'Police' part of campus police, to get across the idea that we are full-fledged police with full police powers,” Michael Couch, chief of police for Xavier Police, said.

Xavier Police also purchased a Segway.

“The Segway was not designed to replace any previous patrols [i.e. the bike patrol] but as just another tool in our tool belt,” Sergeant Kenneth Grossman said.

Grossman said that on a

Segway an officer can cover as much ground as three officers on foot.

He also said that the machine is green because it runs on an electrically-charged battery, and the device acts as a public relations tool to interact with the community.

The department also made a personnel change by taking on Officer Murphy Robinson for a full-time position.

Robinson will be working the so-called “power shift,” from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., Wednesday through Sunday near the new Hoff Academic Quad and Dana Avenue.

Safety team update

Safety team co-chairs, Dr. Luther Smith, senior student affairs advocate, and Dan Schloemer, director of administrative services, have submitted their team’s recommendations for ways to make campus safer to Maribeth Amyot, the vice president for financial administration.

The safety team, which includes a variety of university components in addition to repre-



Photo courtesy of Alexa Von Bargaen
Xavier Police sport a new design for their cars.

McGrath welcomes new staff physician

BY JOHN SCHROECK

Backpage Editor

Last month, the McGrath Health and Wellness Center welcomed Kristen Kent, M.D., as its new full-time staff physician.

Kent graduated in 1998 from the University of Iowa with honors with a B.S. in Exercise Science and a minor in Business Administration. She earned her M.D. at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine in 2003, then moved on to the University of Massachusetts Emergency Medicine Residency Program, graduating in 2006.

Kent is board certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine, and has experience as a Life Flight physician. Additionally, she has trained in dealing with toxicology, ultrasound and sexual assault.

“I feel that Xavier cares about

its students, who they are and who they will become, and that is important to me,” Kent said. “I like hearing about student’s lives—what they study, do for fun, if they have a house full of roommates.”

“I knew working at Xavier would be a great and rewarding opportunity for me,” Kent said. “I find it exciting working with college students because it is such an important time in one’s life—to become an adult but still have a whole life of opportunity ahead. It’s fun to watch.”

Kent has a number of duties as staff physician aside from helping diagnose and treat students with medical issues. She is responsible for directing the McGrath laboratory and oversees the medication dispensary. She also acts as medical review officer for NCAA drug testing, directs Xavier’s AED program and provides consultation to university offices for important

medical issues.

“I’ve only worked at Xavier for a month, but I have had fun every day,” Kent said. “The nurses, secretaries and support staff and psychologists care about doing their jobs well, and it is rewarding to work with them.”

The McGrath Health and Wellness Center has expanded its hours for the 2010-2011 academic year. Appointments may be scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. To compensate for these expanded hours, more part-time physicians have begun working at McGrath on Fridays. While McGrath previously remained closed throughout the entire weekend, a nurse is now available from 10a.m. to noon every Saturday morning.

New look scheduled for McDonald Library



The first floor of McDonald Library is newly configured.

BY MOLLY BOES

Assist. News Editor

When students walk through the doors of the first floor of the McDonald Library, they are no longer greeted with a technical help desk, tables and computers.

A mixed collection of chairs and a small customer service desk now awaits students.

Students will see additional changes to the room over the next few months.

With the new Michael J. Conaton Learning Commons (CLC) completed, many of the services once available at the front desk of the library have moved.

The Information Resources Center, as well as the technical help, library research assistance, library circulation services and classroom technology support have all moved onto the third floor of the CLC.

The current plan is to put more shelving in on the first floor and to add some specialized collections.

These collections include the Jesuit and Ecumenical collections along with a browsing collection.

The compilation of children’s books utilized by Education ma-

jors is also being considered for a position on the first floor.

Seating will also be provided on the first floor.

The first floor currently acts as a quiet floor because the second and third floors connect with the CLC, bringing more traffic and noise.

The second and third floors still have designated quiet study areas, but have also lost space that was once dedicated to quiet study areas because of the connection to the CLC.

The idea of the first floor being a quiet floor is not definitive, but is being kept open as an option.

The front desk of the library is now home to the Connection Center Express.

Students can check out Xavier materials and return both Xavier and Ohio Link materials at the desk.

The desk also provides an easily accessible person for directions and questions, as well as for security purposes.

In the next few weeks, a McDonald renovation timeline is expected to be conveyed to the Xavier community.

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Photo courtesy of Scott Holzman
Xavier Police purchased a new Segway.

sentatives from Cincinnati Police Department districts 2 and 4 and Norwood Police, met last semester with the intention of completing a list of requirements by the end of the spring 2010 semester. Instead, they submitted their recommendations last week.

Although Smith was reluctant to share details of the recommendations because they have yet to be approved, he did mention that they addressed concerns regarding campus lighting, parking, emergency notification and general communication.

“We are not hiding anything—we just don’t want to promise anything that we cannot deliver,” Smith said. “All these recommendations would have a price tag so we have to determine what can be done now and what can wait until later.”

Approval on these recommendations will come in the next few weeks.

Smith said that the work of the safety team is largely over but he expects another organization to replace the current body.

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2010-2011 SGA SHUTTLE GUIDE

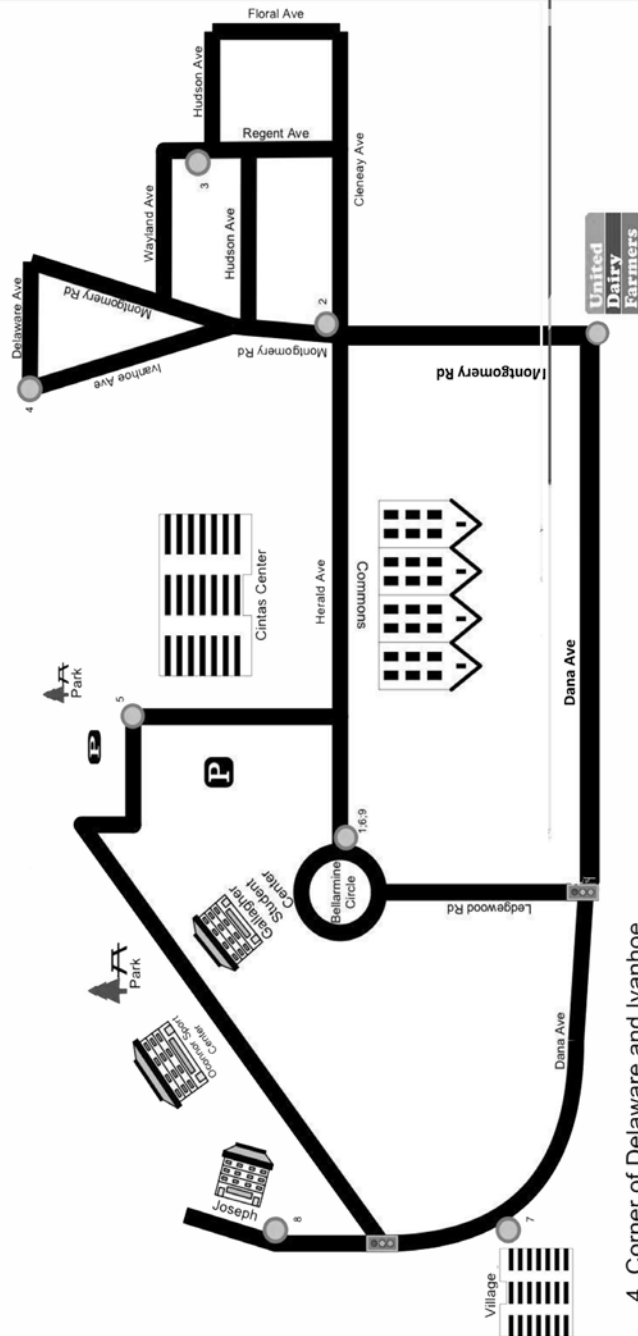
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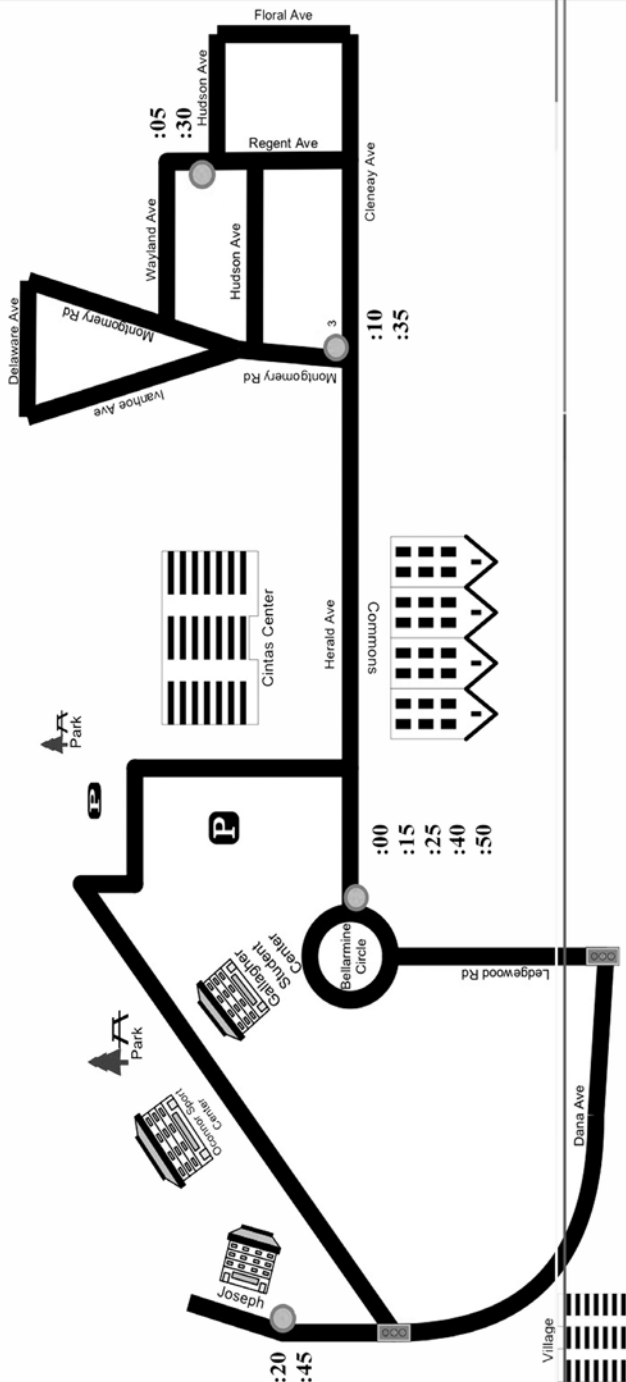
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 - Stop at Clency and Hudson- 8:05 a.m.
 - Stop at Clency and Dana- 8:10 a.m.
 - Stop at Bellarmine- 8:15 a.m.
 - Stop at Joseph- 8:20 a.m.
 - Stop at Bellarmine- 8:25 a.m.
 - Stop between Wayland and Hudson- 8:35 a.m.
 - Stop at Bellarmine- 8:40 a.m.
 - Stop at Joseph- 8:45 a.m.
 - Stop at Bellarmine- 8:50 a.m.
 - Remain at Bellarmine Circle until 9:00 a.m., when the route will start again.



Student Government Association

the power to make a difference

An inside look: Manresa changing for the better

BY KARI PEGLAR
Staff writer

Despite all the changes with the opening of the new buildings and the relocation of numerous offices on campus, the one thing that seems to be constant at Xavier is Manresa.

Manresa is Xavier's four day student orientation program that aims to make the transition to college life easier for new students. The program has been occurring for more than 25 years.

Many believe that the Manresa team does the same thing as it has in the past because of its overwhelming success. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, right?

Actually, unbeknownst to most of the Xavier population, Manresa has been evolving just as much as the campus.

This year, I had the pleasure of being a senior and first time Manresa group leader. Because I haven't had any connection to Manresa since my own orientation in 2007, I was shocked to see how the dramatic changes made to Manresa over the past three years have greatly improved the program to be a meaningful introduction to Xavier.

Two of the biggest additions to Manresa occurred in 2008 with the incorporation of a financial education program, "Money, Money, Money" and sexual assault session, "Sex Signals," which were greatly needed. Financial hardship and sexual assault are "the main reasons why students don't stay in college," Leah Busam-Klenowski, Director of Student Involvement said.

"Money, Money, Money" introduced some basic finance topics, but was taught through a game where students had their

own clicker connected to a big screen where they got to choose answers to questions ranging from loans, interest rates and even retirement.

"It was nice that they had a game because it kept me awake," freshman Austin Baumer said.

Several other students realized they had inadvertently learned a lot about how they spend their money and different ways to save. It opened up the minds of many students and helped them become aware of the huge responsibility that will be thrown upon them in a few short years via a fun and interactive environment. Keeping students awake and actually learning something? That sounds like success to me.

Similarly, Sex Signals was not just a boring speech about sexual harassment; it was a show performed by professional actors. According to the show's website, Sex Signals is "the real funny sort-of-improv show about sex and stuff."

In the program, the students requested what scenes they wanted to see, how the actors should act, and directed scenes with their own "STOP" cards by holding them up whenever they saw warning signs of a potentially dangerous sexual situation.

Students, like freshman Mychiana Banks, appreciated how the actors made situations seem more real than hypothetical.

By seeing scenes on stage, the session forced the students to talk about stereotypes, misconceptions and situations involving sexual assault without feeling awkward or targeted.

The students learned about how they may act in a similar situation and what to look out for



NewsWire photo by Alexa von Bargaen

First year students and Manresa leaders dance at the Black and White Dance.

when it comes to sexual misconduct. And again, everyone stayed awake. Success number two for Manresa.

The last major change was the interfaith spiritual gathering which was added in 2009. Many Manresa participants in years past may remember that a Catholic mass at Camp Kern was the only service offered to students in terms of worship during Manresa.

However, because not all students are Catholic, the need for another service was apparent.

"The idea of going to Camp Kern is to have the whole first year class together, not necessarily about the Catholic faith. We did not want some students to feel marginalized by having no way to express their faith or another space for worship," Busam-Klenowski said.

The new service included creating prayers from several words found in different religious traditions, personal reflection time and with the assistance of Rabbi Abie Ingber, students were able to make it "rain" by clapping, snapping and rubbing their hands together

to make the sound of a summer thunderstorm. As a whole, the service was enjoyed by everyone.

"It was awesome, making it rain was really cool. It was something I had not done before," group leader Pat Casey said.

Several students explained how the ability to "make rain" and different prayers created a sense of community and togetherness. The service made students feel more welcomed and a part of their Xavier class. Oh yeah, and it kept everyone awake. Success again? Definitely.

This isn't to say that there aren't some improvements needed in the Manresa program.

The idea behind adding a scavenger hunt during Manresa was to "allow students to learn about different resources on campus in an exciting way that helped facilitate small group camaraderie," Emily Gilbride, new student programs coordinator for Manresa said.

Unfortunately, rainy weather forced people into Cintas and many students did not appreciate running in the rain to buildings they didn't know. Freshman

Zachary Julian, as well as other students, gave the suggestion that the time should be spent with group leaders walking students around campus.

It should be noted though that walking students around campus was done in 2009 instead of a scavenger hunt, yet student focus groups said the tours were not helpful, according to Busam-Klenowski.

Students also cited the need for a break on the second day of Manresa because they attend sessions straight from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. without any breaks. Since Friday move-ins are typically overwhelming, Saturday was long for many.

"All I wanted to do was sleep," freshman Christa Golashesky said.

Adding a break time may be risky because it allows the students a chance to not come to an event, but adding a break could also enhance their energy, attention span and increase the amount of discussion participation as well because they will have some energy from resting.

Nonetheless, the proof of how Manresa has changed for the better was after the Black and White dance when I saw a group of students walking back together "rocking the boat" and "sizzling" without any sort of mockery.

They were genuinely enjoying reliving their Manresa experience and the crazy cheers that come along with the program. Seeing the new students cheering together voluntarily and as new friends just shows how the Manresa program as a whole had a positive influence on their lives and allowed them to truly make the transition to college easier.

New dining choices

BY LIZZIE GLASER
Campus News Editor

The Space served hundreds of hungry students last year rushing to make it to their 12:30 classes on time, but this year it has disappeared from its location on the first floor of Alter Hall. The Space has been revamped with new supplies, restocked with new food, renamed X Spot and relocated to the fourth floor of Conaton Learning Commons.

The opening of X Spot is only one of the changes made to Xavier's dining options this semester. Outtakes, located in Hailstones Hall, was also closed this year due to the opening of X Spot. In addition to wraps, sandwiches, fruit, candy, chips and coffee, X Spot now offers sushi, brought in fresh daily from Cincinnati Sushi, as well as cereal, muffins, danishes, tea and hot chocolate. "We've expanded almost everything," X Spot student manager Kevin George said.

Coffee Emporium also expanded, opening a second location on campus, in Smith Hall, and serves locally-made café style snacks such as fruit, granola, sandwiches and breakfast burritos. Ryan's added chicken wings and more vegetarian options to their menu, and expanded on traditional student favorites, such as the

quesadilla. Fresh Fusions can now turn any salad into a wrap. Even the Hoff Marketplace expanded Project Green Thumb, offering Fair Trade certified coffee, ocean-friendly seafood and cage-free eggs. Chartwells, which operates the cafeteria, also aims to save water by not using trays, and use disposable packaging made from renewable resources. The cafeteria will also incorporate more local foods this year, and will work with the chefs of local restaurants to mimic their tastes.

In efforts to be more accessible to students, Meal X-change plans will be accepted Ryan's, Fresh Fusions and X Spot. "As a student that spent two years living on campus, I learned firsthand how important it was for Xavier to have more dining options. So we're making it happen," George said.



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Senior Sarah Wieten checks out the new options at X Spot in Smith Hall.

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Increase in Funds for X Fans

By SCOTT MUELLER
Sports Editor

The X-treme Fans, Xavier's student-run athletic support group, has received a significantly larger budget this year.

"We actually asked for pretty much the same amount of money we always ask for," X-treme Fans president Clare McGrath said. "SGA gave us a larger budget this year."

This year the club is to receive a budget of \$25,000, a 96 percent increase from last year.

"The group that actually did the allocations last year was last year's SAC board," SAC committee chair Ryan Alleman said. "Percentage wise, their increase isn't that unusual against comparisons to other clubs."

Xavier currently has approximately 95 clubs on campus. Of those clubs, 11 received a higher percentage increase from last year.

"We got \$25,000 as our budget, which is more than it's been in the past, but at the same time, with the increase in students, it's really necessary because other than SGA and SAC, we pretty much serve the largest number of students on campus," McGrath said.

X-treme Fans are most visible at men's basketball games, but also attend every sporting event.

"Our policy is that the members of the board are at every single men's and women's soccer game, volleyball game, men's and women's basketball and baseball,"

McGrath said.

There are currently eight board members on campus, with two members studying abroad this semester. X-treme Fans is also expecting to add two new freshmen board members with applications due on Friday, Sept. 3.

X-treme Fans is responsible for most of the giveaways during basketball games and for organizing road trips for men's basketball games. The fall schedule T-shirt recently made its debut on campus. The X-treme Fans' budget allows the club to hold such events. Each year, clubs send in a request for a budget. The request is evaluated, and then an amount is given to the club. For this year, X-treme Fans requested \$37,930. They received approximately 66 percent of that.

"From that request, we divvy out the money in a way that's relatively fair," SGA president Kevin Contrera said. "I don't think there is any club that gets 100 percent of what they want."

Alleman could only speculate as to why X-treme Fans received more money this year when the request number remained approximately the same.

"To be honest with you, I'm not sure the exact rationale for why it was done," Alleman said. "The percentage increase was, I'm sure, considered, what they think about the length and value of success that the group has had."

"They have been very consistent in the amount of events and stuff that they put forth,"

Contrera said.

Because the allocations were made at the end of the year, last year's SAC board was the first to see the impact of increased class sizes.

"We have events where we have food and things like that, but when we're serving several hundred students at an event, it gets expensive," McGrath said.

Having more freshmen on campus will only increase the number of students that X-treme fans serves.

With the increased budget, students can expect to see more from X-treme Fans this year.

"We are going to make an increased effort this year," McGrath said. "In the past the point system hasn't carried over into baseball season, but this year it is."

The point system rewards students for attending an athletic event. A student is credited with three points for every women's basketball game they attend, two points for men's and women's soccer, volleyball and baseball, and one point for a men's basketball game.

"We do advertisements to get students to come to all the different events," McGrath said. "It's obviously easier to get students to come to men's basketball than it is soccer and volleyball a lot of times, just because that's what a lot of students are looking for."

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POLICE NOTES

August 23, 8:28 P.M. – Campus and Cincinnati Police responded to the report of three students robbed at gunpoint on Dana Avenue near Smith Hall. The area was searched, but suspects were gone when police arrived.

August 25, 11:48 P.M. – A student reported an outside organization posting inflammatory flyers on Xavier's property.

August 27, 10:34 P.M. – A student climbing the railroad sign on Dana Avenue was cited for underage consumption. Residence Life was notified.

August 28, 1:28 A.M. – Campus Police assisted Residence Life for a student acting irate. The student was cited for underage consumption and told to return to his or her room.

August 28, 2:30 A.M. – Three students reported being robbed at gunpoint in downtown Cincinnati. During the offense, credit cards, cell phones and a vehicle were taken. Cincinnati Police was notified.

August 28, 10:40 A.M. – An officer on routine patrol discovered two parking signs were taken from the Commons parking lot. Physical Plant was notified.

August 28, 2:14 P.M. – A student reported they were assaulted the night before at the intersection of Cleneay and Regent Avenues during an altercation over a pair of shoes.

August 29, 12:16 A.M. – A student who was urinating off of a balcony at the Village was cited for underage consumption.

August 29, 1:11 A.M. – An intoxicated student walking through Husman Hall with no shirt and shoes was cited for underage consumption.

August 29, 1:46 A.M. – A student found sitting in his/her own vomit on a bench outside of Kuhlman Hall was cited for underage consumption and released to a roommate.

NOTE OF THE WEEK

August 28th, 1:43 A.M. – A guest of a student was found sitting in their own urine and vomit on the first floor lobby of Brockman Hall. The guest was cited for underage consumption and released to the student whom they were visiting.

Club day success with students

By LIZZIE GLASER
Campus News Editor

Some students come for the free food. Some are just passing through on their way to class. Some are looking for something to occupy their time, a club or student organization to join. Nonetheless, each year students brave the unpredictable August weather to make an appearance at Club Day, and this year was no exception.

On Monday, Aug. 30, more than 135 clubs and student organizations lined the Greenspace with information tables in hopes of attracting new members. In addition to drawing in students, the event, which began at 10 a.m. and lasted until 2 p.m., brought in four outside companies: Bruegger's Bagels, LaRosa's, Yagoot and 101.1 the Wiz. Despite the heat, a large number of students, hands full of free cups, bracelets, flyers, and sunglasses, turned out for the event. "I would definitely consider this year to be a success," Club Relations Chair Victoria Masny said.

Club Day has been a staple of the start of Xavier's fall semester for at least 10 years. Each Club Day is funded through the Student Government Association's budget and requires a substantial amount of work. The planning process for this Club Day began in June, when Masny booked the Greenspace for use and ordered 145 tables from The Alleen Company, a local



NewsWire photo by Alexa von Bargaen

Students meander through the tables at Club Day. More than 135 clubs were represented and four different companies participated.

rental and company. She e-mailed all the SGA-recognized clubs explaining the details of the day and asking for an RSVP confirmation. Upon arriving back at school, she checked in with each of the outside vendors and designed a layout map detailing where each organization's table would be located. "We got very positive feedback and I'm happy the day turned out so nicely, despite the heat," Masny said.

For students, it was certainly a day of learning all that Xavier has to offer and utilizing this information to its fullest potential. "There are a lot more clubs than I thought there would be," fresh-

man Kristen Gallagher said. "It's kind of overwhelming, but in a good way." Freshman Austin Baumer had similar thoughts. "I learned what kind of stuff to get involved in, but my favorite part was just talking to all the different people," Baumer said.

Organization leaders were impressed with the success as well. Eric Miles of the club football team said, "If half the kids who signed up make it out [to practice] we're in good shape."

"It's amazing," club boxing Secretary Zeke Soloman said. "I feel like we've got more signatures this year than in the past ten years combined."

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EDITORIAL | Race relations
Inflammatory fliers evoke response

This staff ed was supposed to be about the fliers appearing around campus Wednesday morning. That was the plan, at least, until the *Newswire* realized that writing 300 more words about the issue only increases publicity for a cause we do not agree with.

Still, the occasion has given us a chance to look at the issue of race relations on campus, one that has bubbled to the surface repeatedly in recent years. Whether it is the destruction of African-American sorority signs in the stairwells of Gallagher, visitors wearing blackface to an off-campus party or students writing shameful notes in the GSC theatre, there have been a number of incidents in the Xavier community that have revealed the maliciousness that occasionally appears in American society.

Those things are not supposed to happen at Xavier, where students pledge to be “men and women for others.” Yet they do, and far too often.

One must ask why? Is it an issue of having a few bad eggs—an issue of nature? Or is it the defective henhouse in which those eggs hatched—an issue of nurture?

Because there are a variety of diagnoses for the problem, there are also a multitude of solutions offered up.

Some believe that the Xavier community should enjoy the unique contributions offered by each student—the inherent diversity of campus; others believe that a solution will come from a one to one, personal approach, in which each student accepts responsibility for the issue and works to solve it; still others believe that the issue of improper race relations may be best addressed by acknowledging it, yet carrying on in daily life as normal—cognizant of the problem, but not letting it control our actions. All of these solutions carry a great deal of merit, and have resulted from debate and thought among educated members of the Xavier community.

Yet, pessimistically, we are left wondering whether the problem of seemingly recurrent insensitivity on campus is actually solvable. Perhaps we have, as sociologist Johan Galtung once said, a negative peace—an uncomfortable relationship between two sides despite the absence of outright conflict.

We may be right, but this is one case where hope to be proven wrong.

EDITORIAL | XUCP expansion
A minor segway

We at the *Newswire*, in our tireless quest for excellence, frequently find that our Tuesday nights become Wednesday mornings by the time we are ready for publication. We suspect the same phenomenon is familiar to many of our classmates, at least the ones who do their studying at that cozy little library with the neon lights over on Dana Avenue. Hence, we are naturally in favor of spending any amount necessary to provide Xavier Police with whatever equipment they need to ensure our safety. So we confess to feeling a bit nervous to hear about the addition of a Segway scooter to the XUCP fleet.

The reason for our trepidation lies with the intended function of the machine. According to Xavier Police, the officer riding the Segway is tasked with performing surveillance, essentially serving as a scout for the other officers. The Segway officer, however, will not be allowed to pursue criminals, lest the Segway be damaged or stolen if left unattended.

Try as we might, however, we could not conceive of a situation in which the Segway might be a more effective vehicle than a bike. The company assured us that its product has no magical vision-enhancing properties, meaning it is, at best, as good as a bike for scouting. Perhaps the Segway has advantages we failed to consider, but until we hear otherwise, we will not be satisfied to know that Xavier Police is merely aware of criminal activity as it occurs under their very noses.

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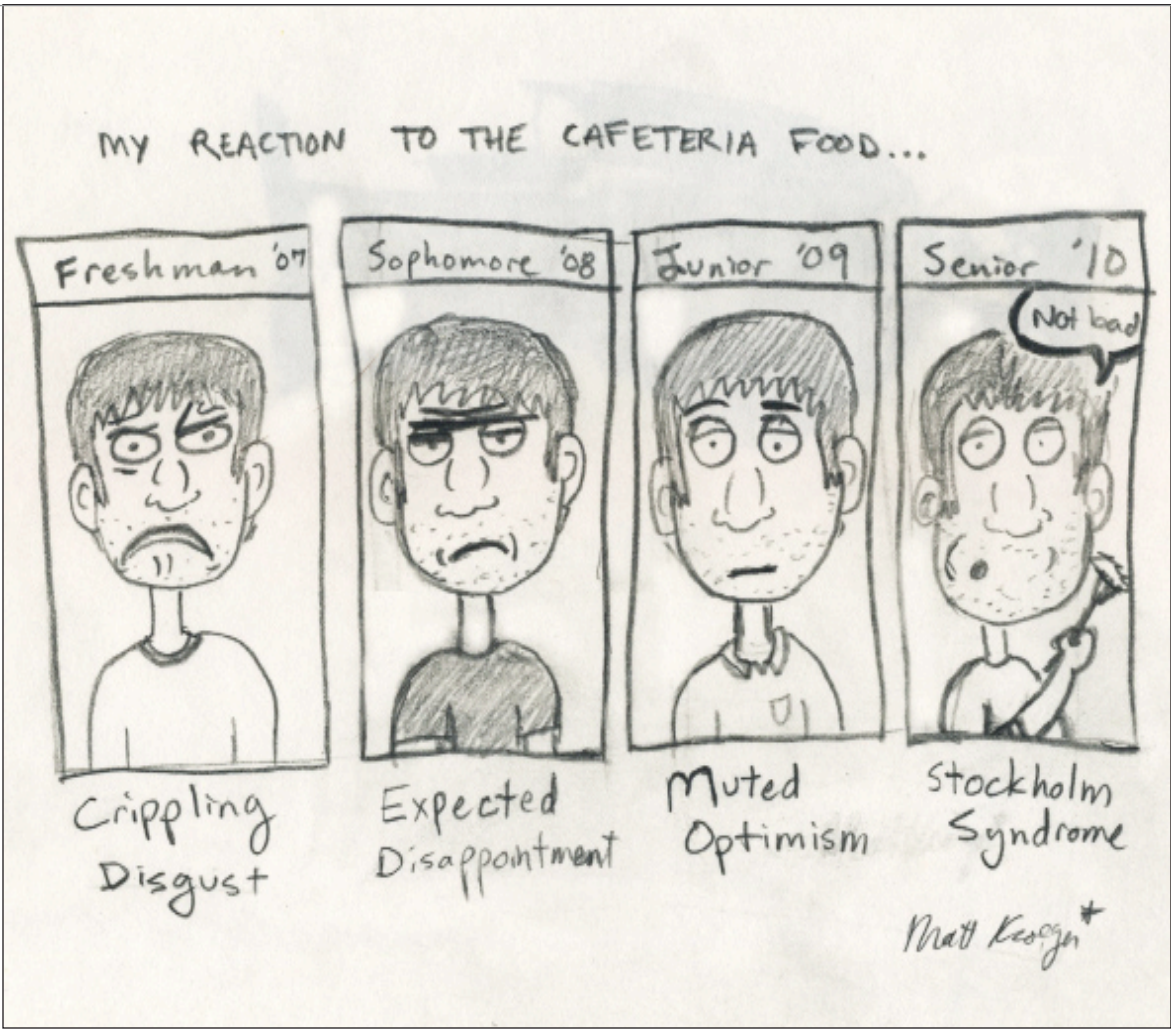
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Letters to the editor

President's response

Last Wednesday evening, an outside group posted inflammatory flyers on campus attacking members of the Xavier and surrounding communities. Together, students and Campus Police promptly removed these flyers from across the University.

While the content of these flyers does not merit a response, the incident does. Fear, anger, isolation and mistrust result when such events are neglected. We must always collectively protect and foster the integrity and wellbeing of our University and surrounding communities. Xavier is built upon our belief in the dignity and worth of each and every individual, regardless of the color of a person's skin, sexual identity, or religious preference. This commitment we own collectively. Together, we must vigilantly confront actions—those of the public and private variety, those on campus and off—that threaten our individual and communal well-being. We call this solidarity.

There are practical first steps to this process, such as alerting Campus Police and/or University administrators. The following steps are more diverse but equally important: raising awareness about what has occurred, promoting education to contextualize the event, and fostering dialogue with University and community constituents.

Our efforts to build community will overcome acts aimed at dividing us.

President Michael J. Graham, S.J.
Members of the President's Cabinet

In defiance of hatred

When I first learned of the inflammatory fliers posted by the National Alliance my response

was that of sheer disgust. Truly, the occurrence was hurtful regardless of gender, race, religion, or sexual preference. The event served as a chilling reminder of the hatred that still resides in the world. I have heard it said that our “Xavier bubble” was breached last week. I would argue to the contrary; this University is rooted in its community.

Indeed, the Xavier University Mission Statement calls us to seek “a world view that is oriented to responsible action and recognizes the intrinsic value of the natural and human values.” It would be a dishonor to not embellish this dynamic principle set forth by the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Moreover, bigotry opposes our identity as Americans. Since preschool, each of us has pledged “liberty and justice for all.”

I am continuously inspired by the cross-cultural alliances and coalition building that brought us to this day. Just this week, over 25 students and administrators composing the multicultural council MOSAIC sacrificed their Sunday to work towards greater campus inclusivity.

Our core values do not come freely, but through a continuous investment in our fellow human beings. In the face of adversity, we are called upon to stand by our virtues and celebrate the diversity that lies in all of us. Each flyer is simply an opportunity for progress. As we move forward, remember the ideals that drive us.

Kevin Contrera,
President,
Student
Government
Association

Vanishing spaces

I wish to write you on a disturbing new trend I have observed on campus: removing parking lots in order to build places where I cannot park, such as, in this particular

instance, basketball courts. I am not concerned with who may have proposed the addition of the new courts. However, I am concerned with why, in the name of Henry Ford, they were built where my automobile which, admittedly I am choosing to pay \$120 for, used to be able to be parked. I realize and concede that the possession of an automobile is a privilege, but, with the cost of a parking tag being as it is, this recent drastic decrease in the number of available spots is nonsensical, to say the least. The removal of half of R-1 makes less and less sense to me when I consider the fact that the two largest freshmen classes in Xavier's 179 year history are currently on campus. I am certainly not saying that the basketball courts are unpopular or a bad idea by any means; they allow students the opportunity to play basketball outside at all hours without having to venture over to O'Connor. However, the execution could have been better thought out and certainly better placed, such as not where the parking lot was. The basketball players get another basketball court, can I, a driver, have another parking lot?

Lee Little | '13

Best decision of my life

Right now, the Xavier campus is abuzz with excitement—a new school year is starting, and with that comes a variety of opportunities to try new things. We had Club Day, where many of us will put our names on e-mail lists for things that sound exciting and maybe even dare to show up to a meeting or two.

I'm going to bring you back to the best decision I ever made, which happened two years ago during my freshman Club Day on the Mall. I decided to take an application to go on Alternative Breaks (and then remembered to

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(Still more) letters to the editor

apply). Participating on and leading an AB trip has been one of the most enriching things I have ever done. Granted, there were frustrations and moments where I would have rather been somewhere else (waking up at 4 a.m. to milk a cow when my friends on spring break were just stumbling back to their hotel, for instance). But overall, AB has been the most enriching experience I’ve had at Xavier.

I can’t really say what it is about AB that has me addicted, but I can say a couple things about my experiences. I can say that I have had experiences and insights brought to me that I would definitely not have had if I had continued to live my life as an upper-middle-class female. I can say I’ve met people that have changed my life—both peers and people at service sites. I can say that I have milked a cow, casually chatted with a felon and climbed a mountain. Most importantly (to me) I can say that I have changed a little slice of this world for the better.

So as you’re thinking of what clubs and activities to join this year,

please seriously consider sending in an application to be a part of Alternative Breaks. Participant applications are due Sept. 20 to GSC 332. Site leader applications are due Sept. 14 to the same room. We are accepting faculty and staff statements of interest through Oct. 12.

In love and peace,

Lauren Martin | ‘12

Official update on the 24-hour computer lab

In response to your question about the 24-hour Computer Lab: The lab that was located in Gallagher is now located at Conaton Learning Commons 200. There is no 24-hour computer lab on campus anymore.

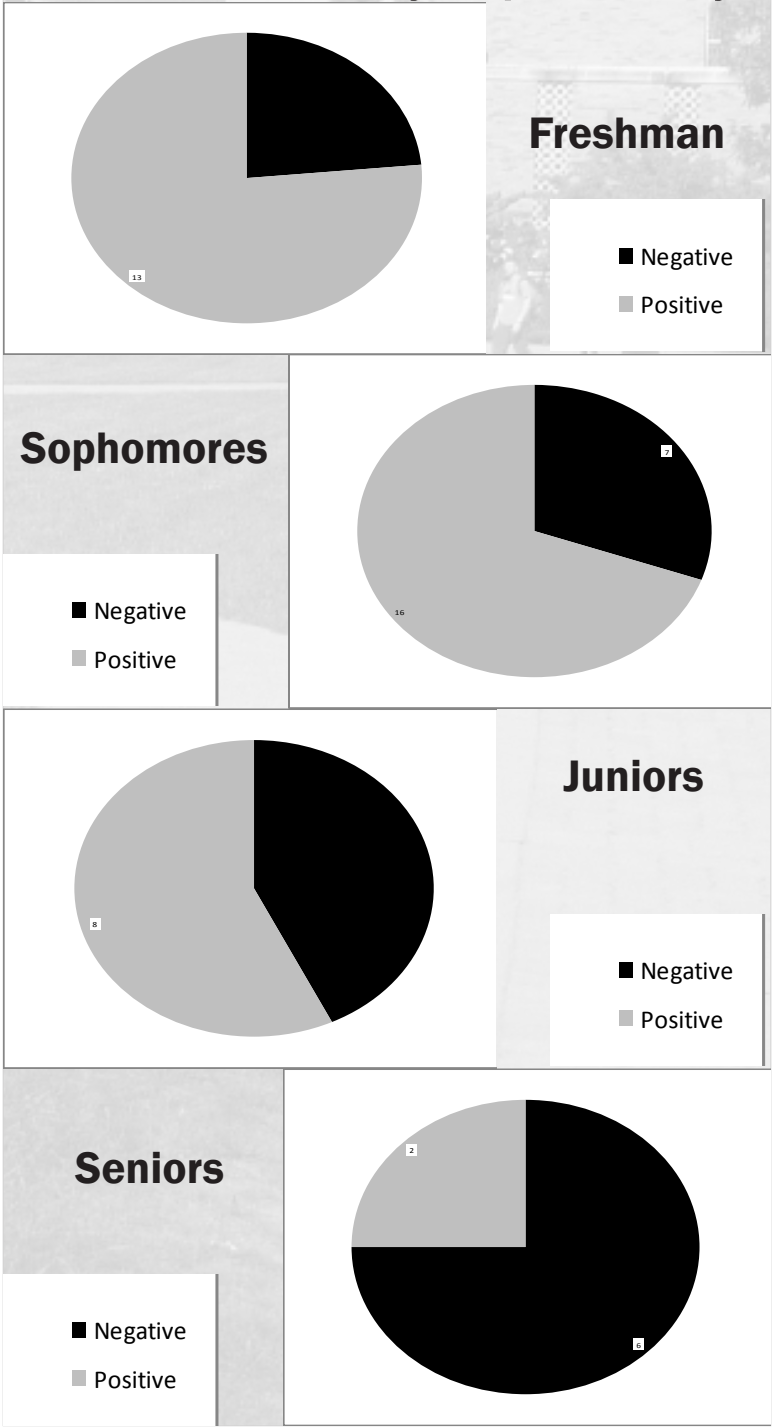
Also, Smith Hall does not have a general computer lab. The lab on the second floor is MIS computer lab, and is not open to general use.

Dimitri Yatsenkotin | ‘11

—MALL TALK—

For this *highly* unscientific poll, we interviewed members of each class year, carefully choosing only those we stumbled upon around campus, and asked them this question:

By the time you graduate, do you expect the benefits of the Hoff Quad to make up for the inconvenience to you personally?



Around every silver lining there is a cloud

By ADRIAN GONZALEZ

Editorial Columnist

How wonderful it is to be back at Xavier. A long summer has once again put a spring in the step of most students and for good reason. We finally have the Conaton Learning Commons completed and Smith Hall to look forward to, right? Wrong.

As usual, Xavier has decided that the best thing to do for students is to make promises and then not keep them.

First on the list is the 24-hour access to the CLC which was promised, so that all that wonderful new space for people study at 3 or 4 a.m. could be available. But the ALLCard access ostensibly available at the CLC does not work for students.

Then there are offices on campus that are moving, or have moved or cannot decide whether to move or not. When you ask someone where a department is or will be located, no one seems to

have an answer. Inside the CLC, the small study rooms are found to have nice flat-panel TVs ready for action. I’m sorry but I don’t feel that my tuition should be paying for TVs that will be used sparingly; it does not enhance my learning experience and it is simply a waste of money. Speaking of wasted money, did anyone see the first floor of the library? It is empty; not even a tumbleweed wants to roll through there. What is the point of renovating the space if it is as barren as the Sahara Desert? Good planning? I think not.

All that aside, Xavier did do a wonderful thing for the students by removing the 24-hour computer lab. Now all printing in GSC must be done at the front desk, which on a normal morning is nearly impossible, and with the late nights coming soon it won’t be long before the GSC late night staff is handling all print jobs and mobs of people demanding to know why the print-release computer is not showing their print

job.

Among the things that cannot be missed here at X are the new basketball courts located in what used to be half of R-1. These courts, while they are very nice, have now decreased the already limited parking on Xavier’s campus. Now more resident students are parking in most of R-2 and expanding into the C lots. While Xavier says there is plenty of parking, we cannot forget the fact that the parking is in a densely populated area with poor lighting. I’m not sure about other people, but that just doesn’t sound safe to me considering the recent events around campus.

While Xavier is doing a good job to help make things nicer for students, basketball courts instead of parking we can do without, while 24-hour computer labs we simply cannot. Next time Xavier, when asked if a building will be fully functional on a 24-hour basis, consult each other before someone raises their hand to answer.



Benefit of the doubt

By LEE KINDIG

Editorial Columnist

When I came home from class, walked up the stairs to my little rented-out Norwood sleeping compartment and plopped down in front of the blank slate of opportunity that is Microsoft Word, I fully expected to have tons of crap to complain about.

Maybe I could carve out a rant about the obvious lack of computers around campus these days, and how difficult it is for me to find a place to print out my paper two minutes before class starts. Or perhaps I could ramble on about how Xavier spends all of our tuition money on fancy new facades which serve only to bring in more students and more money for the fat cat Xavier execs to stuff into their oversized pockets.

That all seems compelling enough, right? That everyone’s out to get us and no one really cares about our education, our

safety, our hopes, our fears.

Sure, such a tone would create a fitting backdrop to the kind of *NewsWire* article which you and I have come to expect. But, as I became the one with his fingertips on the computer keys, I began to find myself suddenly less convinced.

In reality, Xavier only stands to benefit from our success, our safety and our positive outlook toward the school and the decisions being made. Fr. Graham certainly doesn’t want to go down in history as the man who brought Xavier “to hell in a handbasket,” as my grandmother would say.

We all attend Xavier University in a time of expansion and change, and I understand how this setting can breed paranoia and suspicion. Heck, I would normally be inclined to feel the same way myself.

Nevertheless, I think we should be optimistic and (am I really about to say what I think I’m about to say?) faithful in the belief that, for once, the powers that be

are actually looking out for us.

Now that is not to say that mistakes are not being made, or that some things are not being overlooked. It is still extremely important for us to voice our concerns and identify what it is that we would like to see changed or corrected. But this should come in the way of suggestions, not complaints.

If you think you have an idea that would make campus better or improve your collegiate experience, by all means, raise your voice. Send your ideas in to the *NewsWire*, and chances are, you will see them in print the following Wednesday.

Better yet, take them straight to someone with a little more authority. If you have something to say, stalk Dr. Luther Smith around campus for a week and chew his ear off until he does something about it.

I’m sure he won’t mind.

But please, whatever you do, please don’t *just* complain.

That’s our job.

Netters open season in Tenn. tourney

After two losses, Muskies rebound to sweep Chattanooga

By RYAN MCGORON
Staff Writer

This past weekend the women's volleyball team opened their season in Knoxville, Tenn. for the Comcast Lady Vol Classic.

The tournament provided a early test in the season for the Muskies as they faced Tennessee, Virginia Tech, and Chattanooga. Tennessee is ranked No. 19 in the country.

Xavier played the final set against the Vols particularly tough, dropping it 25-23.

Several players were key in the game.

Senior Claire Paszkiewicz led the team with 27 assists and 10 digs.

Senior Shannon Voors also was a key to the match with 14 kills.

Freshman Kelsey Dunaway had an impressive debut, finishing second on the team with six kills.

For Tennessee, it was all about the defense.

As a team, the Volunteers had 14 blocks, compared to only four



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Senior Claire Paszkiewicz has 109 assists through the first three matches of the season.

by the Musketeers.

Saturday was a new day for the

Musketeers as they took on the Virginia Tech Hokies at 10 a.m.

After falling behind two sets to one, the Musketeers rallied in the fourth set to tie the match at two sets apiece.

Xavier lost the fifth and final set, 15-10.

Despite the loss, the Musketeers got a positive sign in the form of emerging sophomore Alex Smith.

Smith had a career high 19 kills and four assisted blocks.

Outside hitter Voors added to the effort as well with 13 kills and two solo blocks.

Paszkiewicz continued to help the offense with her setting skills as she had 44 assists in the match.

Xavier came back and swept Chattanooga Saturday evening in the second game of the day.

Defense was the name of the game for Xavier.

XU held Chattanooga to 14 points in the first set and 12 points in the second set.

Paszkiewicz continued to provide senior leadership for Xavier with 38 assists and nine digs.

The Musketeers were chal-

lenged in the third set that contained 15 ties and eight lead changes.

However, Xavier prevailed 25-23.

Sophomore Stephanie Vorherr was honored for her play in the tournament and was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Musketeers will welcome Western Kentucky, Northeastern and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for the XU Invitational this weekend, Sept. 3-4.

The Muskies first match is at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3 in Cintas Center against IPFW.



Soccer finishes exhibition 2-1



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Senior El-Hadji Dieng had a game tying penalty kick against Oakland. Xavier would eventually drop the game 3-2.

By SHANE MULVIHILL
Staff Writer

The Xavier men's soccer team finished up their pre-season exhibition play this past week with two games.

On Thursday the team faced off against Ohio Wesleyan University at the Xavier Soccer Complex.

The Musketeers ground out a tough 1-0 victory.

The winning goal was scored by freshman Matt Walker in the closing minutes of the first half. It would be the only goal the team needed the rest of the night.

Four XU goalkeepers combined to shut out the Ohio Wesleyan attack.

Xavier did not fare as well on Saturday night in their pre-season finale, falling to Oakland University in overtime 3-2.

After falling behind early, the Musketeers were able to tie things up in the 21st minute when senior

El-Hadji Dieng scored on a penalty kick.

After two hard-fought halves, the teams ended the regulation play knotted at 1-1.

In the first overtime period, Oakland jumped to a 3-1 lead by a pair of goals by Vuk Popovic.

The second of his two goals came on a header in the box from a well-placed corner kick.

In the second overtime period, despite numerous scoring chances, the Musketeers were only able to net one more goal on a shot from freshman Matt Walker in the 107th minute.

With the pre-season wrapped up, the Musketeers will open the regular season on the road today, Wednesday, Sept. 1 at Marshall University.

Their home opener is on at 7 p.m Saturday, Sept. 4, when XU faces Butler University in the Xavier Soccer Complex.

Basketball adds five to bolster forward position

By SCOTT MUELLER
Sports Editor

The Xavier University men's basketball team welcomes one of the highest level. He could be a dominant re- the best recruiting classes in the bounder and defender in our sys- country to campus this season. tem as well."

The class is ranked No. 22 in the nation according to Scout.com. Jordan Latham is also coming to Xavier. Ranked No. 130 overall,

Justin Martin, a 6-foot-7the 6-foot-8 forward adds more wing, headlines the class. Martindepth at the forward position for is ranked as the 86th best highthe Musketeers.

school recruit in the country ac- "Latham is an extremely long cording to Rivals.com. and powerful forward out of

"Justin has a high IQ for theBaltimore," Mack said. "Jordan game, can shoot it from deep andfelt that there wasn't a better fit in is just beginning to scratch thethe country than Xavier University surface of his potential as a play-for his academic and basketball er," head coach Chris Mack said.future. Jordan has the size, quick-"Justin is more than a shooter. Heness and toughness to cement his can really pass and has the abilityplace."

to rebound defensively and push Griffin McKenzie is the final the ball." member of the freshman class.

Jay Canty is ranked No. 122McKenzie, a local product from overall according to Rivals.com.Moeller High School, is a 6-foot-9 The 6-foot-6 wing could be a power forward.

replacement for senior Danté "We are thrilled and lucky to have a young man with his skill Jackson in a few years. have a young man with his skill

"We are thrilled to have him

set and size in our program," Mack said. "Griffin will be a major weapon for us in the coming years, his ability to stretch defenses will make us even more difficult to guard."

In addition to the freshman, there will be one more new face on the basketball team this season.

Former Monmouth star Travis Taylor has transferred to Xavier.

Taylor, who will have two years of eligibility remaining after sitting out this season, averaged 17.8 points per game and 7.6 rebounds per game as a sophomore for Monmouth.

He led the team in both categories.

"Travis has been a highly productive forward at Monmouth for two years, awfully impressive considering he started playing organized basketball as a junior at Union High School," Mack said. "I expect Travis to be an immediate contributor like many of our transfer students in the past."



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Freshman Justin Martin (left) relies heavily on his jump shot. Junior Travis Taylor (right) led Monmouth in points and rebounds per game last season.

Women’s soccer climbs to .500

Back to back wins give Muskies longest win streak since 2007

By JOCELYN TAYLOR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Xavier University women’s soccer team has done in four games this season what it took 11 games to do last season: win two games.

After two losses to open the season, the team prepared to get back on track with their home opener against Butler on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Butler controlled the game defensively, but the Musketeers did not back down.

Freshman Lauren Heap scored the only goal for the Musketeers in the 25th minute, and the Muskies defeated Butler 1-0 for their first victory of the season.

The goal was Heap’s second of the season.

“Lauren has played very well for us and earned a starting spot tonight,” head coach Woody Sherwood said after the game. “She gives us composure on the ball, she’s dominant in the air and she’s great off free kicks.”

Heap is one of several freshmen the Muskies will be counting on this season. “We have five or six freshmen who are getting minutes,” Sherwood said. “What we expect from them is to absorb

as much information as they can in an attempt to accelerate their learning curve. We have needed several of them to step up right away and give us quality minutes, which they have.”

Heap was one of three freshmen to start against Butler, along with Mariah Whitaker and Simone Sterling.

“Butler knocked the ball around pretty well but we made an adjustment around 10 minutes into the game and I thought the game went in our favor from there,” Sherwood said. “I think this will go down as one of the best results that this team has gotten in four or five years.”

In the following game against Bowling Green, on Sunday, Aug. 29, the Muskies came out attacking.

Sophomore Leslie Twehues scored in the first three minutes of action.

The Musketeers had solid defense and kept the Falcons from scoring in the first half, keeping a 1-0 lead into the break.

However, the Falcons came charging back, scoring within 26 seconds of the start of the second half, tying the game at one. Bowling Green would strike again

eight minutes later and take a 2-1 lead.

Despite the fact that the Musketeers were outshot in the second half 12-6, XU managed to get two goals to take the game away from the Falcons.

The Musketeers tied the game at two apiece when the ball deflected off a Bowling Green defender and into the net.

Xavier took the lead for good when Whitaker broke through the Falcon defense and scored the game winning goal with 15 minutes remaining.

“I thought we showed great character today,” Sherwood said. “To give up two goals early in the first half and come back like we did was tremendous. We didn’t play our best soccer today but we are still improving every week.”

Although too early to declare women’s soccer a championship contender, they are at or above .500 for the first time since the first game of the 2005 season.

“What we hope to achieve this year is to be significantly more competitive than past years and attempt to play good soccer,” Sherwood said. “We don’t have a goal when it comes to wins and losses. We really are just trying to get better each week.”

For the season as a whole, the team is managing to control the ball more and limit their opponents’ shots. Xavier’s opponents



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Freshman Mariah Whitaker has started all four games this season and picked up her first goal of the season in the win over Bowling Green.

are averaging almost five shots fewer per game than they did last season.

“In our attempt to play better soccer, a byproduct is that we will have the ball more,” Sherwood said. “When you have the ball more often, you have a higher probability of generating shots. The second thing we have done is attempt to choreograph attacking runs and options which lead to shots.”

One of the keys to Xavier’s success this season will be team

chemistry. “Since I wasn’t here last year I don’t know for certain, but the feedback I have received from the players is that this is the best chemistry and morale that they have had in several years,” Sherwood said.

Xavier returns to action against Charleston at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Xavier Soccer Complex.

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Musketeer upswing

The women’s soccer team has already won as many games as they did last season. They are currently on pace to score more goals this season than in the previous two years combined.

Year	Games	Wins	Goals	Goals/game	Goals allowed/game
2010	4	2	5	1.25	1.25
2009	19	2	8	.42	2.74
2008	19	1	11	.58	2.47
2007	19	4	26	1.34	2.63

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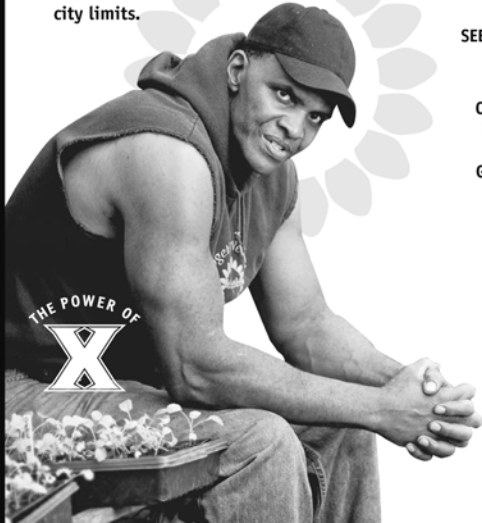
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Hallelujah!...for fruits and vegetables?

BY RACHAEL HARRIS
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If you knew of a way to decrease your risk of cancer, rid your body of that troubling asthma you've had since birth, decrease your contact prescription, lose weight and more, wouldn't you want to know about it?

Well, on Friday, Aug. 27, Xavier University hosted Rev. George Malkmus in Cintas Center, where he talked about how to do all this and more through his Hallelujah Diet.

A pastor from upstate New York, Malkmus is the most incredibly fit 76-year-old you will ever meet.

He began the lecture by running up to the stage and kept the audience alive and entertained throughout by telling jokes, showing his muscles and dancing around.

However, he was not always this way. When diagnosed with cancer in 1976, he turned away from medicine and started looking for a way to naturally get rid of the tumor.

The result was the Hallelujah Diet.

Simply put, the diet consists of eating entirely raw fruits and vegetables for lunch and dinner, with some cooked vegetables and whole grains (rice, pasta) thrown in every now and then.

This means no sugar, salt, meat, dairy, caffeine or chocolate.

Basically, you eat what was provided by God in the Garden of Eden: naturally fresh and raw foods.

Yes, the diet does sound like a really extreme form of veganism, and that is essentially what it is.

It's all yours: Xavier street pianos

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Touring since 2008, artist Luke Jerram has been distributing his art project "Play Me, I'm Yours" all across the world, including London, Brazil, Barcelona and Sydney. From Aug. 9-27, 35 street pianos were placed across the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area to celebrate the anniversary of different Cincinnati radio stations.

Locations included the Cincinnati Zoo, Findlay Market, the University of Cincinnati and Sawyer Point. Now our very own Xavier University will be hosting one of these spectacular art pieces until Sept. 17.

The piano was originally located at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Rookwood Pavillion, and was moved to Xavier on Aug. 27. It features blue polka dots and a



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Rev. George Malkmus is excited to share his diet with the country.

However, he seems to be right; it works.

At least five people who attended the lecture told the audience the ways this diet healed them: cured asthma, healed their blood diseases, cured their cancer, healed their bones and decreased their waistlines.

Malkmus talked about why meat, dairy and animal products are horrible for your health, and why our body naturally rejects them, causing many of today's illnesses.

He pointed out how medicine is used to treat the problem, but not the cause; if the cause is dairy, then why not eliminate it and eliminate the need for medicine?

For many people, especially college students, all of this information is a bit difficult to absorb.

This view is likely to hit a nerve

because, according to Malkmus, we have been fooled by the dairy industry that we need milk for calcium and that we need meat for protein.

Yet, milk actually causes the body to lose more calcium than it provides, and we are getting the protein secondhand after the cows eat the protein-containing plants. So why not just eat the plants instead?

The hardest part to accept was eliminating refined sugar from our diet. Who isn't an avid fan of cookies, cupcakes and brownies?

Instead, Malkmus suggests using natural sweeteners like stevia, honey, agave nectar and maple syrup.

Overall, this free seminar was enlightening and really opened minds to a healthy way of living that is not as scary as it sounds.

For more information, visit the Hallelujah Acres website at www.hacres.com.



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Kings of Leon

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4, at Riverbend Music Center (6295 Kellogg Ave.). Ticket prices range from \$32 to \$52 and can be ordered online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Aerosmith

The concert will kick off at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, at Riverbend Music Center (6295 Kellogg Ave.). Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$171.50. To get your ticket, go to www.ticketmaster.com.

Trey Songz

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Aranoff Center (650 Walnut St.). Tickets range from \$37.50 to \$57.50 and can be purchased at www.cincinnatiarts.org or by calling (513) 721-3344.

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Xavier Players gives us a "Closer" look with drama and intensity

BY BRENT EDWARDS
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Xavier Players presented Patrick Marber's "Closer" this past weekend.

The play is the first of what will be an annual production by alumni of Xavier Players.

This year's production features alumni Scott Allison, Class of 2005; Brandon Anderson, Class of 2001; and Hannah Balash, Class of 2009.

They returned to the stage alongside Annie Huey, a graduate student, and senior Ellen Beltramo, the stage manager for the production.

"Closer" showcased the power and depth of Xavier Players' alumni.

The production set a serious tone to the beginning of the year with all four stars carefully depicting highly-emotional characters caught up in love and betrayal.

"Closer" was not a kid-friendly production, with intense language and sexual violence; however, there was no indication of the intensity of the content beforehand.

For Xavier students this was most likely no problem, but it may have been offensive to some



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Natalie Portman, Julia Roberts, Clive Law and Jude Law starred in he 2004 movie version of Marber's play.

of the visiting families.

"The play calls us, as life itself does, to deeper authenticity, to a reverence for personal integrity, and to the world of interrelation and interdependence that lies beyond mere hook-ups," director Bob Sauerbrey said.

If "Closer" is any indication, this year's productions by Xavier

Players will be held to a high standard.

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